

# Stephenville Christian Reformed Church

Hurts and focusing on how to help the poor in wise ways. Sara works in churches and communities to help farmers better care for their land, produce more food, save money, and connect the Christian faith to everyday life through Bible study and skills training. She facilitates farmer study groups on agriculture, caring for creation, and nutrition. She also teaches fuel-efficient and nutritious ways of cooking and occasionally does art classes for children. We will take the offering for the Sytsma's on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**From the Worship Committee** – The worship committee continues to look for more people who would be willing to use their gifts to be involved in the morning worship services. Whether that is by leading a worship song, playing a song for the offertory, scripture readings, leading the call to worship, or offering a prayer, we would love more involvement from the congregation. We are also in need of people to play the piano for our morning worship service. If you can help or know of anyone in your circle, even on a temporary or rotating basis, please have them call Roeland Stoker. Your willingness to serve is greatly needed and deeply appreciated.

**Elder/Deacon Nominations** – It is time to nominate potential elders and deacons for the coming year. Please submit your nominations by the end of September to any current council members or you can email your nomination to [stephenvillecrc@gmail.com](mailto:stephenvillecrc@gmail.com).

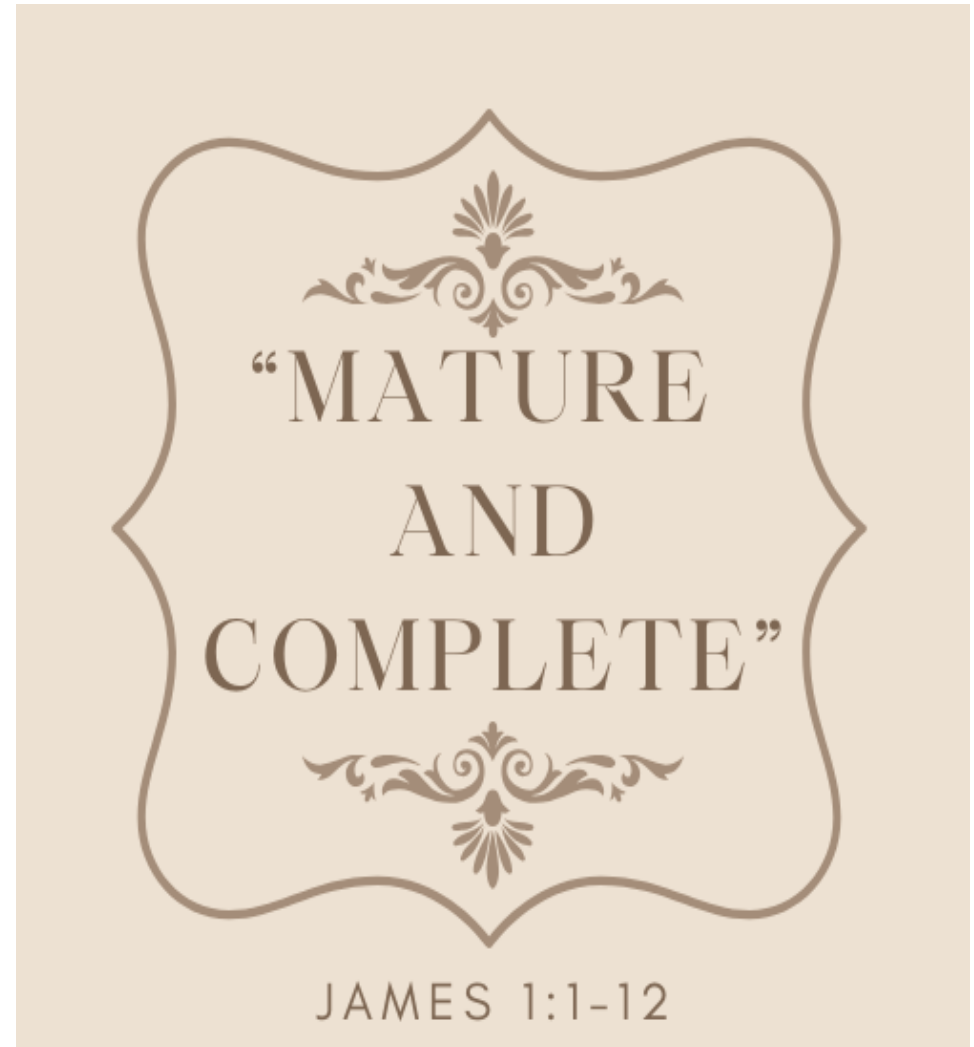
**Pastor Search Committee** – We are beginning the process of forming a Pastor Search Committee. If you feel called to serve in this important role, speak with one of our elders. Your prayerful participation is vital as we seek God's direction for the future of our church.

## **\*Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

**September Pulpit Supply** – For the month of September Pastor Donald Draayer will be leading the morning worship services on September 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and Pastor Todd Hilkemann will be leading on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **\*Prayer Requests:**

- Our Resonate Global missionary family, the Sytsma's, who are in Uganda.
- For Stephenville Christian School and all other schools in our area. For the health and safety of the faculty and students this fall.
- For Frank Kalsbeek's sister Joni Rollema who has stage 4 cancer.
- For Joy Osinga who was accepted to be on the kidney transplant list. Prayers as she waits for a matching donor.
- Continued prayers for Brady Miller as he receives more rounds of proton therapy/radiation which has been hard on him.
- For the Veldhuizen family as they mourn the loss of Bill who went to be with the Lord.
- For the Beltman family, who mourn the loss of Tony who passed away.
- For Judy Hartwell, Pastor Hartwell's wife who recently had more rounds of chemo treatments to shrink some cancerous spots found recently in her abdomen. The cancer she has is not curable but is manageable.



**Pastor Donald Draayer**  
**September 14, 2025**

# Sunday Morning Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship:

Reader: The Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

**Congregation: It is God who made us; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!**

Reader: God called Abraham, and he said, “Here I am.” God called Jacob, and he said, “Here I am.” He called Moses, Samuel, and Isaiah, and they said, “Here I am.” And the Lord created you, redeemed you, and calls you by name.

**Congregation: Here I am, Lord, to worship you.**

Reader: Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously.

**Congregation: The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him.**

Reader: In his steadfast love, the Lord has led his redeemed people and guided them to his holy abode. Worship him in the splendor of holiness.

\*God’s Greeting/Mutual Greeting

\*Opening Songs: “All Creatures of Our God and King”

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Call to Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Offering: General Fund & Stephenville Christian Academy

Children’s Message

Congregational Prayer

Message: “Mature and Complete”

Scripture: James 1:1-12

\*Song of Response: “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

\*God’s Blessing

\*Song: “Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow”

# Stephenville Christian Reformed Church News



Welcome to our fellowship, where we are gathered together as friends and family to worship and praise our God. If you are visiting with us, we are glad that you are here! Today, we welcome back Pastor Donald Draayer to lead our morning worship. Following morning worship, please join us for a time of fellowship with coffee & cookies. At 11:45 we have Sunday school classes for PreK to high school.

## Weekly Schedule

**Sunday 10:30am** Morning Worship

**11:45am** Sunday School

**Wednesday 6:00pm** Wednesday Family Night

**Thursday 9:30am** Ladies Coffee Break

## Offering Schedule

**September 14:** General Fund & Stephenville Christian Academy

**September 21:** General Fund

**September 28:** General Fund & Resonate Global Uganda  
Missionaries Anthony & Sara Sytsma

**October 5:** General Fund

## Wednesday Cooking

**September 17:** DeeDee Stoker

**September 24:** Kristin Hoekstra

**October 1:** Annemarie Werkman

**October 8:** Esther Tucker

## Sound Booth

**September 14:** Kaleb & Dillinger

**September 21:** Justice & James

**September 28:** Desi & Ryland

**October 5:** Justice & Shaun

## Nursery Duty

**September 14:** Jennifer & Kylie

**September 21:** CoriAnn & Marlee

**September 28:** JoEllen & Alex

**October 5:** Jessica & Jaclyn

## Sunday Cookie Duty

**September 14:** Julie Haringa

**September 21:** Heidi Velsen

**September 28:** Caitlyn Schievink

**October 5:** Laura Osinga

## \*News/Reminders:

**Monthly Capital Campaign** – The September capital campaign is for Resonate Global missionaries, Anthony & Sara Sytsma. The Sytsma’s work mainly with churches from the Pentecostal Assemblies of God Uganda (PAGU) in the region surrounding Soroti, Uganda where they live. Anthony encourages and mentors’ pastors who face many challenges in ministry and who themselves need pastoral care. He also teaches leaders around Africa through a curriculum he helped to write called “Helping Without Hurting in Africa”, based on the book When Helping